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SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF CONVENTION-UN CONFERENCE ON THE REPRESENTATION OF STATES IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (RSIO)

1. PLENARY ON EVENING OF MARCH 13 ADOPTED TEXT OF CONVENTION BY VOTE OF 57-1 (BELGIUM)-15(US, UK, SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA, FRG, FRANCE, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, DENMARK, IRELAND, CANADA, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, ISRAEL, ROK).

2. US REP GAVE DETAILED EXPLANATION FOR ABSTENTION BY EMPHASIZING BOTH SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTIONS AND PROCEDURAL DIFFICULTIES WORKING AGAINST DRAFTING OF SATISFACTORY DOCUMENT.

3. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOTE THAT ONLY MAJOR HOST STATE TO VOTE FAVORABLY WAS ITALY. UNTIL LAST MINUTE, ITALIAN REP (MARESCA) VACILLATED. OTHER WEO'S TO VOTE FAVORABLY WERE SPAIN, GREECE, FINLAND, TURKEY AND SWEDEN. STRONG STATEMENTS OF EXPLANATION OF VOTE WERE MADE BY SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, UK AND FRANCE. IN SPITE OF THEIR VOTES, GREEK AND ITALIAN DELS ALSO SPOKE CRITICALLY OF CONVENTION. MOWINCKEL

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